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Note verbale dated 2 July 2012 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to attach herewith a letter dated 28 June 2012 from Hoshyar Zebari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, addressed to the Secretary-General, regarding the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Iraq would be deeply appreciative if the present note verbale and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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[Original: Arabic]

I have the honour to convey to you the wish of the Government of Iraq that the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) should be extended for a further period of 12 months, in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, the latest of which is resolution 1936 (2010).

I should like to inform you of the successes that have been achieved by the national partnership Government in building a democratic, pluralistic system. Iraq has been successful in establishing foreign relations and has successfully convened a number of important international conferences, including the Baghdad Arab Summit and the important meeting of the 5+1 Group, and other, regional meetings.

In accordance with the agreement concluded between Iraq and the United States, the full withdrawal of United States troops has been completed in a smooth and civilized manner, and Iraqi security forces have assumed full responsibility for protecting the security of the population and the territorial integrity of Iraq, and is doing so in an exemplary manner.

Further significant achievements of the national partnership Government include the conclusion of numerous international agreements, including the Strategic Framework Agreement concluded with the United States of America, the partnership and cooperation agreement with the European Union, and numerous other important agreements with the States of the world that are intended to advance Iraq's relations with those States.

The events and developments of the Arab Spring have confirmed the credibility of the Iraqi approach to the building of a democratic State and the protection of human rights and the population. We are making progress in establishing that approach, which will serve our population. Against that background, Iraq will require the support of UNAMI. We are happy to inform you that the Government of Iraq has approved the extension of the Mission's mandate in accordance with the specific mechanisms approved by my Government, in the manner referred to in my letter dated 6 August 2007, and in accordance with the letter and spirit of the conditions set out in Security Council resolution 1770 (2007). I should like to take this opportunity to commend the constructive work and endeavours undertaken by UNAMI throughout the period in which it has operated in Iraq and the genuine assistance it has provided to the people of Iraq.

(*Signed*) Hoshyar **Zebari**
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Republic of Iraq